

GRANTEE:

Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe

PROGRAM TITLE:

*Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe Together for Children
Tribal Home Visiting Program*

PROGRAM PERIOD:

Cohort 1 (September 30, 2011 to September 29, 2015)

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GOAL OF THE PROGRAM

The overall vision of the Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe (PGST) Together for Children Tribal Home Visiting Program is to create a system of support for PGST families expecting or raising young children. This system of support will allow parents and caregivers to be successful in guiding emotionally healthy and physically vibrant children who will flourish in life. This vision aligns with PGST's overall goal to ensure health, well-being, and economic success of the community and its members. PGST and the Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe Together for Children Tribal Home Visiting Program will work toward these goals by providing its community with education, economic development and preservation, with the fortification of its rich culture, traditions, language, homelands, and natural resources.

COMMUNITY CONTEXT FOR THE PROGRAM

State:	Washington
Rural or Urban/Reservation or Non-Reservation:	Federally Recognized Rural Reservation
Description of Service Area:	<p>The Port Gamble S'Klallam Reservation consists of approximately 1,700 acres of land held in trust by the federal government. There is no private land ownership on the reservation. Most of the land is in forestry with residential, business, and office areas. In addition, the tribe has acquired 3 pieces of land that are adjacent to the reservation. The major piece, which is nearly 400 acres, is primarily forested. The tribe's Indian Health Service (IHS) area population is 1,255 and covers Kitsap County.</p> <p>The Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe is located in a rural area. Travel to Seattle requires 1.5 hours by car and ferry. Travel to Bremerton, where the majority of services and resources are available, takes approximately 45 minutes by car.</p>
Births Per Year:	The Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe reports a range of 12 to 20 births per year and as of January 2014, 9 community women are currently pregnant.

COMMUNITY CONTEXT FOR THE PROGRAM (continued)

Children Ages Birth to 5 Years in Target Community:	Reservation residents include 105 children ages birth to 5 years. This represents 15 percent of the total reservation population.
Unique Characteristics of Target Community:	In 1992, in response to community needs, the Port Gamble S’Klallam Tribe became one of the first self-governance tribes in the U.S. The Port Gamble S’Klallam Tribe has assumed control of its Bureau of Indian Affairs and IHS programs. The Port Gamble S’Klallam Tribe has recently developed the first Tribal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program in Washington, and operates a federally-funded child support program, health clinic, and dental clinic. Integrating local culture and traditions into existing and future human service programs is important to the Port Gamble S’Klallam Tribe.
Key Community Partners:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early Childhood Education • Family Preservation Services • Family Assistance (TANF and Child Welfare) • Children’s Justice Advocates • Si`yi`ctawtx Wellness Center
Primary Risk Factors in Target Community:	Primary risk factors include substance abuse, low-income, unemployment, poverty, crowded housing conditions, violence, and racism.

PROGRAM DELIVERY CONTEXT

Organization Type Administering the Program:	The Port Gamble S’Klallam Tribe is a sovereign nation tribal government which exercises full governmental control over land and resources. The reservation has remained in 100 percent tribal trust status.
Implementing Agency:	The Port Gamble S’Klallam Tribe Children and Family Services Behavioral Health Division under the Family Preservation Program.
Target Population:	The Port Gamble S’Klallam Tribe Together for Children Tribal Home Visiting Program administers services to tribal families and their children from pre-birth to 5 years.
Target and Actual Numbers Served:	The Port Gamble S’Klallam Tribe Together for Children Tribal Home Visiting Program will use the Nurse-Family Partnership (NFP) model to serve 12 to 15 children and the Touchpoints (TP) model to serve another 15 to 20 children, depending on community need. As of January 2014, the Port Gamble S’Klallam Tribe Together for Children Tribal Home Visiting Program has 30 children enrolled (NFP is serving 15 and TP is serving 15).

HOME VISITING MODEL SELECTED

PGST’s Together for Children Tribal Home Visiting Program will use 2 models for 2 different age ranges. The Nurse-Family Partnership (NFP) model will be used for expectant mothers enrolling before week 28 of their pregnancy, and will continue until the child is 2 years old. The Brazelton Touchpoints (TP) model will be used for pregnant mothers enrolling after week 28 of their pregnancy or raising a child any age under 5 years, and continuing until the child is 5 years old.



KEY MODEL ADAPTATIONS OR ENHANCEMENTS

Although NFP was designed to serve families expecting their first child only, the PGST Together for Children Tribal Home Visiting Program received model developer approval to adapt the program to serve families with more than 1 child. PGST also received model developer approval to add culturally relevant photographs and a few words in the S'Klallam language to NFP written materials. Additional cultural enhancements to the NFP model will not be implemented unless approved by NFP.

DESCRIPTION OF EARLY CHILDHOOD SYSTEM

The Tribal Early Childhood Center is a Brazelton Touchpoints (TP) site and provides home visiting only twice per year. Approximately 67 of the 105 children ages birth to 5 years living on the reservation are enrolled in the tribe's Early Childhood Education Program. This number includes children enrolled in Early Head Start (32 children), Head Start (35 children), and extended childcare. Transportation, health, nutrition, family services, cultural and developmental screenings are offered to enrolled families. The number of children waiting to enter Early Head Start and Head Start far exceeds the number of children that can be accepted.

EVALUATION APPROACH

Evaluation Questions

1. Does participation in a NFP home visiting strategy, with an emphasis on stress management practices and techniques, reduce parental stress?
2. Does the emphasis on parental communication, negotiation, and decision making, as part of the Brazelton Touchpoints home visiting strategy, have a positive impact on communication in child rearing and parenting practices?
3. How does the Fatherhood is Sacred program, a tribally-sponsored program, in conjunction with home visiting services for families, affect fathers' involvement in parenting?

Evaluation Design

The PGST Together for Children Tribal Home Visiting Program will use a single case design.

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